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SUBJECT: SENAT-GDR NEGOTIATIONS UNDER QA: WATER CONSERVATION

REF: A. BERLIN 1202, B. BERLIN 1220, C. BERLIN A-127, MAY 23, 1973,
D. BERLIN 1246

1. AT JULY 19 MEETING, US REP PRESENTED USBER'S VIEW
(REF A) ON THE NEED FOR A NEW BK/L COVERING FUTURE
SENAT/GDR NEGOTIATIONS. BOTH UK AND FRENCH TOOK
INITIALLY SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE POSITIONS, BUT UNDERTOOK
TO REVIEW THE PROPOSAL AND TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION
NEXT WEEK. BRITISH REP IN PARTICULAR WANTED TIME TO
HEAR FROM UK MISSION IN BERLIN ON CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS
REPORTED IN REF A OF WHICH THEY WERE UNAWARE (E.G.
JULY 9 HERZ-POLAD'S MEETING).

2. UK AND FRENCH REPS SAID THERE APPEARED TO BE NO
REASON TO HOLD UP SENAT REPLY TO GDR ON WATER CONSER-
VATION QUESTIONS (REF D) UNTIL DISCUSSION MENTIONED
ABOVE IS COMPLETED. UK IN PARTICULAR NOTED THAT
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ALLIES SHOULD BE TRYING TO HELP SENAT (AND FRG) TO

GET AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM THE GDR IN A PRACTICAL SENSE, KEEPING IN MIND, OF COURSE, THE NEED ULTIMATELY TO PROTECT THE ALLIED POSITION. UK REP SAID HE SAW NOTHING IN SENAT DRAFT, HOWEVER, THAT HARMED THE ALLIED POSITION.

3. US REP COMMENTED THAT PRESENT SENAT DRAFT SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT THE FRG, RATHER THAN THE ALLIES, WAS COMPETENT TO AUTHORIZE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE QA (SEE REF A). BOTH UK AND FRENCH REPS ACCEPTED THIS POINT. THEY SAID THEY WOULD RECOMMEND TO BERLIN MISSIONS THAT THE SENAT LETTER BE AMENDED TO MAKE REFERENCE TO CONSULTATION WITH THE ALLIES. US REP ALSO RAISED USBER POINT (PARA 2, REF B) THAT GENERAL BK/L COVERING SENAT-GDR ARRANGEMENTS BE ISSUED PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF SENAT LETTER ON WATER CONSERVATION. IT WAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT MISSIONS IN BERLIN WEIGH URGENCY OF WATER CONSERVATION ISSUE, AND TO ASK THEM TO REPORT BACK TO BONN IF THEY FEEL THE WATER CONSERVATION LETTER APPROVAL SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF BROADER COMMUNICATIONS TO SENAT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON USBER'S BK/L PROPOSALS (REF A) IN VIEW OF DISCUSSION REPORTED ABOVE.

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